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Seasonal downturns, primarily in such categories as retail trade and construction, resulted in lower January employment and increased unemployment, while some other economic indicators improved slightly, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: An estimated 1,535,700 people were working in nonfarm jobs in January, down from 1,575,600 in December, but 66,700 (4.5%) above the January 1984 level (page 2). Seasonal, post-holiday reductions in both wholesale and retail trade were responsible for a 21,300 decline, construction was off by 6,400 and business services decreased by 2,300. Temporary layoffs accounted for a drop of 700 in manufacturing employment.

The weekly pay of factory production workers in January averaged $401.53, reflecting a three-cent hourly boost to a record $9.47 for a 42.4-hour week, down from 42.8 in December (page 3). In January 1984, factory workers earned an average of $382.75 at $9.07 hourly for a 42.2-hour week. Straight-time hourly and weekly earnings at $9.02 and $360.80 were up six-tenths of a percent from December and 4.2 percent above last year's $8.66 and $346.40. Areas where workers received the highest average weekly wages were New London/Norwich, Bristol, Hartford, Bridgeport, New Britain and Norwalk (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment, influenced by seasonal closings and post-holiday layoffs, increased to 93,200 in January for a 5.6 percent actual rate which compared with December's 76,000 and 4.4 percent (page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate also was up from 4.5 to 4.9 percent. Both rates continued well below the national experience which was 7.4 percent, seasonally adjusted. Unemployment was higher in all labor market areas. There were an estimated 38,400 persons filing continued claims for unemployment benefits in mid-January, about the same as a year ago.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents once again reached a new all-time high in January when average weekly initial (first-time) claims were down and manufacturing output increased, both on an actual basis (page 7).

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NOTE: Data beginning with this report reflects new geographic boundaries of all labor market areas except Bristol, New Britain, Norwalk, Stamford and Willimantic. Figures for January, the previous month and last year have been adjusted to conform with these changes, required by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the second revision in 25 years. An attached map shows the composition of re-defined areas.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

January 1985

	January 1985	December 1984(R)	January 1984(R)	% Change Jan.'85 over Dec.'84	% Change Jan.'85 over Jan. '84
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,535,700	1,575,600	1,469,000*	- 2.5	+ 4.5
Manufacturing.....	426,800	427,500	410,900	- 0.2	+ 3.9
Durable.....	321,600	322,200	308,200*	- 0.2	+ 4.3
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,500	7,500	6,900	0.0	+ 8.7
Primary Metals.....	16,000	16,000	16,500	0.0	- 3.0
Fabricated Metals.....	53,000	53,600	51,700	- 1.1	+ 2.5
Machinery exc. Elec.....	52,100	51,900	47,900*	+ 0.4	+ 8.8
Electrical Equipment....	62,700	63,100	59,300	- 0.6	+ 5.7
Transportation Equipment	84,700	84,500	82,300*	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Instruments & Clocks....	29,400	29,300	27,700	+ 0.3	+ 6.1
Other Durable.....	16,200	16,300	15,900	- 0.6	+ 1.9
Nondurable.....	105,200	105,300	102,700	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Food.....	14,000	13,700	13,200	+ 2.2	+ 6.1
Textile.....	6,400	6,400	7,000	0.0	- 8.6
Apparel.....	9,900	10,200	10,200	- 2.9	- 2.9
Paper.....	10,200	10,000	9,800	+ 2.0	+ 4.1
Printing & Publishing...	26,500	26,400	25,000	+ 0.4	+ 6.0
Chemicals.....	22,600	22,900	22,000	- 1.3	+ 2.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	14,100	14,200	14,000	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Other Nondurable.....	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,108,900	1,148,100	1,058,100	- 3.4	+ 4.8
Construction & Mining....	58,900	65,300	53,200	- 9.8	+ 10.7
Transportation.....	34,700	36,100	33,000	- 3.9	+ 5.2
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	13,500	14,500	12,600	- 6.9	+ 7.1
Other Transportation....	21,200	21,600	20,400	- 1.9	+ 3.9
Communications.....	20,000	19,900	18,700	+ 0.5	+ 7.0
Utilities.....	12,900	12,800	12,500	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Trade.....	331,900	353,200	318,300	- 6.0	+ 4.3
Wholesale.....	75,600	80,200	74,000	- 5.7	+ 2.2
Retail.....	256,300	273,000	244,300	- 6.1	+ 4.9
General Merchandise....	34,600	39,800	33,700	- 13.1	+ 2.7
Food Stores.....	47,900	50,400	44,400	- 5.0	+ 7.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	28,200	28,300	26,800	- 0.4	+ 5.2
Restaurants.....	72,700	77,200	69,700	- 5.8	+ 4.3
Other Retail Trade.....	72,900	77,300	69,700	- 5.7	+ 4.6
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	125,100	124,700	120,100	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
Banking.....	28,600	28,400	27,500	+ 0.7	+ 4.0
Insurance.....	69,400	69,000	67,400	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Real Estate.....	11,300	11,600	10,700	- 2.6	+ 5.6
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	15,800	15,700	14,500	+ 0.6	+ 9.0
Services.....	339,100	344,600	319,900	- 1.6	+ 6.0
Hotel.....	8,500	8,800	7,100	- 3.4	+ 19.7
Personal Services.....	16,600	16,400	16,200	+ 1.2	+ 2.5
Business Services.....	76,200	78,500	67,300	- 2.9	+ 13.2
Health Services.....	109,300	108,900	107,500	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Law & Professional.....	25,100	24,900	23,300	+ 0.8	+ 7.7
Educational Services....	33,400	34,800	32,000	- 4.0	+ 4.4
Other Services.....	70,000	72,300	66,500	- 3.2	+ 5.3
Government.....	186,300	191,500	182,400	- 2.7	+ 2.1
Federal.....	22,400	23,200	21,900	- 3.4	+ 2.3
State & Local.....	163,900	168,300	160,500	- 2.6	+ 2.1

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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EARNINGS AND HOURS - JANUARY 1985

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$401.53	$404.03	$382.75	42.4	42.8	42.2	$ 9.47	$ 9.44	$ 9.07
DURABLE MANUFACTURING	414.73	418.71	394.90	42.8	43.3	42.6	9.69	9.67	9.27
Lumber & Furniture	294.69	295.40	274.32	41.1	41.9	40.7	7.17	7.05	6.74
Primary Metals	443.00	442.71	443.89	44.3	44.9	44.3	10.00	9.86	10.02
Fabricated Metals	371.82	372.80	355.73	42.3	42.9	41.9	8.79	8.69	8.49
Machinery	440.66	444.71	433.79	43.5	43.9	44.4	10.13	10.13	9.77
Electrical Equipment	336.18	337.74	323.05	41.3	41.8	41.9	8.14	8.08	7.71
Transportation Equipment	529.54	531.19	470.25	43.8	43.9	41.8	12.09	12.10	11.25
Instruments and Clocks	399.62	403.20	380.19	44.6	44.9	43.6	8.96	8.98	8.72
Other Durable Mfg	351.09	367.22	370.92	41.5	42.9	44.0	8.46	8.56	8.43
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING	357.88	359.77	344.35	40.9	41.4	40.8	8.75	8.69	8.44
Food	370.65	381.04	354.46	42.8	44.0	41.8	8.66	8.66	8.48
Textiles	286.63	285.91	281.36	39.7	39.6	40.6	7.22	7.22	6.93
Apparel	223.80	223.69	210.03	37.3	38.7	36.4	6.00	5.78	5.77
Paper	440.56	443.56	432.29	44.1	44.4	45.6	9.99	9.99	9.48
Printing and Publishing	356.32	354.51	331.14	38.9	39.0	37.6	9.16	9.09	8.86
Chemicals	449.86	451.13	440.41	42.4	42.6	42.8	10.61	10.59	10.29
Rubber and Misc. Plastics	327.25	323.51	315.84	42.5	42.4	42.0	7.70	7.63	7.52
Other Nondurable Mfg	301.93	291.34	262.36	37.6	36.6	36.9	8.03	7.96	7.11
CONSTRUCTION	584.83	607.51	579.27	38.4	39.5	37.3	15.23	15.38	15.53

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	January 1985 Number	January 1985 Ratio to Labor Force	December 1984(R) Number	December 1984(R) Ratio to Labor Force	January 1984(R) Number	January 1984(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	93,200	5.6	76,000	4.4	91,900	5.7
Seasonally Adjusted...		(4.9)		(4.5)		(5.0)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	14,400	6.6	10,700	4.7	13,900	6.6
Bristol.....	2,300	6.6	2,000	5.6	2,400	7.0
Danbury.....	4,500	4.4	3,900	3.7	4,300	4.3
Danielson.....	3,300	10.4	2,300	7.2	2,400	8.1
Hartford.....	21,800	5.3	18,500	4.4	20,600	5.2
Middletown.....	2,000	4.5	1,800	4.0	2,700	6.4
Lower River.....	600	3.7	500	3.3	700	4.6
New Britain.....	4,600	6.4	4,200	5.7	5,100	7.3
New Haven.....	14,600	5.8	11,200	4.4	15,400	6.4
New London/Norwich ..	7,100	5.6	6,300	4.9	6,100	5.0
Norwalk.....	3,700	4.4	2,800	3.3	3,500	4.4
Stamford.....	4,000	3.1	3,600	2.7	4,600	3.7
Torrington.....	2,800	6.8	2,300	5.3	3,500	8.6
Waterbury.....	7,000	6.8	5,800	5.5	6,500	6.6
Willimantic.....	1,300	5.1	1,000	4.0	1,000	4.1
U.S. Total - Actual....	9,131,000	8.0	7,978,000	7.0	9,755,000	8.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.4)		(7.2)		(8.0)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Jan.'85	Dec.84	Jan '84
All Items.....	316.1	315.5	305.2
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.2	+ 3.6

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Jan.'85	Dec.'84	Jan.'84(R)	Percent Change to Jan.1985 from: Dec.'84	Jan.'84
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	187,520	193,850	180,870	- 3.3	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	64,820	65,260	63,560	- 0.7	+ 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	122,700	128,590	117,310	- 4.6	+ 4.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,020	24,430	22,820	- 1.7	+ 5.3
Manufacturing	9,540	9,650	8,910	- 1.1	+ 7.1
Nonmanufacturing	14,480	14,780	13,910	- 2.0	+ 4.1
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	75,350	76,820	71,720	- 1.9	+ 5.1
Manufacturing	27,220	27,140	26,280	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	48,130	49,680	45,440	- 3.1	+ 5.9
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	21,980	22,160	21,080	- 0.8	+ 4.3
Manufacturing	9,660	9,690	9,470	- 0.3	+ 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	12,320	12,470	11,610	- 1.2	+ 6.1
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	430,760	436,170	417,860	- 1.2	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	93,300	93,560	91,980	- 0.3	+ 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	337,460	342,610	325,880	- 1.5	+ 3.6
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	35,400	35,750	33,530	- 0.9	+ .5.6
Manufacturing	10,290	10,200	9,820	+ 0.9	+ 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	25,110	25,550	23,710	- 1.7	+ 5.9
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	13,000	13,100	11,770	+ 0.8	+ 10.4
Manufacturing	4,560	4,510	4,480	+ 1.1	+ 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	8,440	8,590	7,290	- 1.7	+ 15.7
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	60,850	62,100	59,350	- 2.0	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	24,020	23,900	23,920	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	36,830	38,200	35,430	- 3.6	+ 4.0
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	236,040	238,010	224,160*	- 0.8	+ 5.3
Manufacturing	50,160	50,430	47,860*	- 0.5	+ 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	185,880	187,580	176,300	- 0.9	+ 5.4
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	113,690	113,050	108,090*	+ 0.6	+ 5.2
Manufacturing	36,290	36,080	36,150*	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	77,400	76,970	71,940	+ 0.6	+ 7.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	69,400	71,380	66,860	- 2.8	+ 3.8
Manufacturing	21,970	22,120	22,100	- 0.7	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	47,430	49,260	44,760	- 3.7	+ 6.0
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	118,290	119,920	113,370	- 1.4	+ 4.3
Manufacturing	30,270	30,340	29,980	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	88,020	89,580	83,390	- 1.7	+ 5.6

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Jan.'85	Dec.'84	Jan.'84(R)	Percent Change to Jan.1985 from: Dec.'84	Jan.'84
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	29,230	29,340	27,890	- 0.3	+ 4.8
Manufacturing	9,470	9,170	8,880	+ 3.3	+ 6.6
Nonmanufacturing	19,760	20,170	19,010	- 2.3	+ 3.9
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	85,320	87,210	81,870	- 2.2	+ 4.2
Manufacturing	30,270	30,370	28,700	- 0.3	+ 5.5
Nonmanufacturing	55,050	56,840	53,170	- 3.1	+ 3.5
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	20,970	22,230	18,710	- 5.6	+ 12.1
Manufacturing	1,940	1,810	2,590	+ 7.2	- 25.1
Nonmanufacturing	19,030	20,420	16,120	- 6.8	+ 18.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London/ Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
Bridgeport	$418.91	$419.84	$393.54	41.6	41.9	41.6	$10.07	$10.02	$9.46
Bristol	431.95	429.29	407.95	42.1	41.8	41.5	10.26	10.27	9.83
Danbury	394.71	391.59	368.08	44.6	44.6	43.0	8.85	8.78	8.56
Danielson	347.36	342.79	320.39	41.6	41.4	39.8	8.35	8.28	8.05
Hartford	427.00	438.20	406.14	42.7	43.3	42.0	10.00	10.12	9.67
Middletown	361.92	INA	INA	41.6	INA	INA	8.70	INA	INA
Lower River	320.90	INA	INA	41.3	INA	INA	7.77	INA	INA
New Britain	413.69	418.06	373.22	42.3	42.4	40.7	9.78	9.86	9.17
New Haven	374.01	375.65	INA	41.1	41.6	INA	9.10	9.03	INA
New London/ Norwich*	432.23	INA	INA	40.7	INA	INA	10.02	INA	INA
Norwalk	407.12	397.38	405.38	44.3	44.5	45.6	9.19	8.93	8.89
Stamford	392.84	389.66	358.35	42.7	43.2	41.7	9.20	9.02	8.96
Torrington	302.22	296.12	289.40	41.4	40.9	41.7	7.30	7.24	6.94
Waterbury	333.76	353.33	332.39	43.8	44.5	43.0	7.81	7.94	7.73
Willimantic	368.50	365.88	323.90	43.1	43.3	39.5	8.55	8.45	8.20

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INA Information Not Available

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)	Seasonally Adj.
1984							
Jan....	1469.0	1489.9	6311	4506	5.7	5.0	4116.3
Feb....	1474.0	1498.3	3535	4315	5.5	4.9	4148.9
Mar....	1487.7	1503.7	2953	4080	5.1	4.8	4158.2
Apr....	1509.5	1511.4	3362	4047	4.6	4.5	4165.2
May....	1523.5	1516.1	3006	3966	4.5	4.7	4183.7
Jun....	1542.1	1525.1	3710	3798	4.5	4.6	4205.7
Jul....	1530.7	1534.0	5902	4012	4.6	4.5	4243.9
Aug....	1528.6	1545.9	2966	3364	4.3	4.4	4266.7
Sep....	1548.2	1538.0	2445	3573	4.0	4.4	4291.7
Oct....	1555.3	1543.2	2852	3641	4.0	4.4	4344.9
Nov....	1564.2	1548.6	4007	4100	4.2	4.5	4381.8
Dec....	1575.6	1555.2	8138	4786	4.4	4.5	4415.4
1985							
Jan....	1535.7	1557.5	7209	5149	5.6	4.9	4452.5
Feb....							
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	Auto Registration		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)
1984						
Jan....	8799	10000	42.2	42.1	121.5	117.1
Feb....	12198	17102	42.5	42.5	123.7	119.8
Mar....	11295	10452	42.4	42.3	124.4	119.8
Apr....	10362	12059	42.9	42.9	126.6	122.0
May....	14081	13736	42.4	42.5	126.6	122.2
Jun....	15288	13232	42.4	42.5	126.9	122.9
Jul....	12301	13100	42.3	42.6	106.0	121.7
Aug....	17301	14362	41.8	42.1	107.5	122.3
Sep....	14021	13443	42.5	42.6	127.3	124.1
Oct....	13259	13619	42.5	42.6	127.6	124.5
Nov....	15308	13173	42.8	42.5	129.7	124.7
Dec....	11705	12222	42.8	42.4	117.7	125.0
1985						
Jan....	8869	10078	42.4	42.3	128.6	123.9
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Oct....						
Nov....						
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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1970	43,905	$ 130,251	$ 65,641
1971	69,403	229,238	63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,732
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
1984	25,428	154,180	238,514
Jan'84	38,570	$ 18,793	$ 7,372
Feb	35,104	18,279	13,302
Mar	32,625	17,345	636
Apr	27,760	14,132	25,197
May	23,249	12,743	98,801
Jun	21,725	10,175	1,217
Jul	24,122	11,761	20,710
Aug	23,792	11,118	37,928
Sep	18,999	8,854	1,278
Oct	17,547	9,470	11,577
Nov	18,999	9,812	19,889
Dec	22,895	11,696	603
Jan'85	35,726	19,100e	7,157p
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Nov			
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*Interest bearing
p-preliminary e-estimated
NOTE: Dollar amounts are in thousands

Federal Loans (000)	
1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)	
1976	$ 26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600
1984	30,876

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)	
1975	$ 12,906
1981	46,537
1982	49,496
1983	53,975
1984 (thru 12/31)	57,298

Total Outstanding Loans - (12/31/84)

Non-interest bearing:
$ 163,469,550

Interest bearing:
$ 32,930,407

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (1/31/85)

$ 98 million(e)

NEW STATISTICAL AREA DEFINITIONS TO TAKE EFFECT IN JANUARY 1985

Effective with labor force, employment and unemployment data issued for January 1985, the geographic configuration of Connecticut's labor market areas (LMAs) will be changed to conform with the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) definitions developed by the Federal Committee on Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas and promulgated by the U. S. Office of Management and Budget in June 1983. In terms of composition, five labor market areas--Bristol, New Britain, Norwalk, Stamford, and Willimantic--will show no changes. Town shifts from the other former Labor Market Areas to the new Statistical Areas are shown below and on the reverse side of this page followed by a revised map. The changes reflect the application of published MSA standards to demographic data--including commuting patterns--drawn from the 1980 decennial census. The general concept of a metropolitan statistical area is one of a large population nucleus, together with adjacent communities which have a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus.

TOWNS AFFECTED BY THE CREATION OF REDEFINED STATISTICAL AREAS

Towns Affected by New Statistical Area Definitions	Affected Town Was Added to the Following New Statistical Area	Affected Town Was Removed from the Following Former Labor Market Area
Ansonia	Bridgeport	Ansonia
Barkhamsted	Hartford	Torrington
Beacon Falls	Bridgeport	Waterbury
Canterbury	N.L./Norwich	Danielson
Cheshire	New Haven	Waterbury
Chester	Lower River	Middletown
Deep River	Lower River	Middletown
East Haddam	Hartford	Middletown
Essex	Lower River	Middletown
Kent	Torrington	Danbury
Killingworth	New Haven	Middletown
Lyme	Lower River	N.L./Norwich
Meriden	New Haven	Meriden
New Hartford	Hartford	Torrington
Old Saybrook	Lower River	Middletown
Oxford	Bridgeport	Ansonia
Roxbury	Torrington	Danbury
Seymour	Bridgeport	Ansonia
Voluntown	Danielson	N.L./Norwich
Warren	Torrington	Danbury
Washington	Torrington	Danbury
Westbrook	Lower River	Middletown
Hopkinton, R.I.	N.L./Norwich	Westerly, R.I.
Westerly, R.I.	N.L./Norwich	Westerly, R.I.

EXPLANATION OF THE CHANGES FOR THE NEW STATISTICAL AREAS

STATISTICAL AREAS	BOUNDARY CHANGES
Bridgeport	Absorbed the entire Ansonia Labor Market Area which consisted of the towns of **Ansonia, Oxford,** and **Seymour.** The area also added the town of **Beacon Falls** from the Waterbury Labor Market Area.
Bristol	No change from the former Bristol Labor Market Area
Danbury	Lost the four towns of **Kent, Roxbury, Warren** and **Washington** to the Torrington Statistical Area
Danielson	Absorbed the town of **Voluntown** from the New London/Norwich Labor Market Area and lost the town of **Canterbury** to the New London/Norwich Statistical Area.
Hartford	Absorbed the towns of **Barkhamsted** and **New Hartford** from the Torrington Labor Market Area and the town of **East Haddam** from Middletown Labor Market Area.
Middletown	Lost the towns of **Killingworth** to the New Haven Statistical Area, the town of **East Haddam** to the Hartford Statistical Area and the five towns of **Chester, Deep River, Essex, Old Saybrook** and **Westbrook** to a new Lower River Statistical Area.
Lower River	This area was newly created by absorbing the five towns of **Chester, Deep River, Essex, Old Saybrook** and **Westbrook** from the Middletown Labor Market Area along with the town of **Lyme** from the New London/Norwich Labor Market Area.
New Britain	No change from the former New Britain Labor Market Area.
New Haven	Absorbed the one town **Meriden** Labor Market Area along with **Cheshire** from the Waterbury Labor Market Area and the town of **Killingworth** from the Middletown Labor Market Area.
New London/ Norwich	Lost the town of **Lyme** and **Voluntown** from the labor market areas of Middletown and Danielson, respectively, and acquired the town of **Canterbury** from the Danielson Labor Market Area and the two Rhode Island towns of **Hopkinton** and **Westerly** from the Westerly, R.I. Labor Market Area.
Norwalk	No change from the former Norwalk Labor Market Area.
Stamford	No change from the former Stamford Labor Market Area.
Torrington	Gained the towns of **Kent, Roxbury, Warren** and **Washington** from the former Danbury Labor Market Area and lost the towns of **Barkhamsted** and **New Hartford** to the Hartford Statistical Area.
Waterbury	Lost the town of **Cheshire** to the New Haven Statistical Area and the town of **Beacon Falls** to the Bridgeport Statistical Area.
Willimantic	No change from the former Willimantic Labor Market Area.

*Includes the towns of Hopkinton and Westerly, Rhode Island

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March 1985

Unemployment in Connecticut dropped during February when there was a 2,500 decline in employment and record high personal income of state residents, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment was 1,533,200 last month, compared with January's 1,535,700 and four percent above the 1984 level of 1,474,000 (page 2). Employment in manufacturing's durable categories showed monthly declines while seasonal February trends continued to reflect fewer jobs in construction and retail trade. Manufacturing employment was 3.4 percent higher than 1984 and the yearly increase in nonmanufacturing was 4.3 percent.

Average weekly wages of factory production workers and the workweek hours dropped slightly and hourly earnings remained unchanged at $9.47 (page 3). Weekly pay of $400.58 in February was down from January's $401.53 and $12.98 higher than the February 1984 total of $387.60. Straight-time earnings at $9.03 hourly and $361.20 weekly were up slightly from January and a 4 percent increase from February 1984 when wages for a 40-hour week were $8.68 an hour and $347.20 weekly. Workers in the Norwich/New London area were paid the highest weekly wage for the fourth consecutive month, averaging $433.13, followed by Bristol, $432.01; Hartford, $421.18; Bridgeport, $417.73; New Britain, $401.10 and Danbury, $397.38 (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment dropped by 2,400 to 90,800, the actual rate from 5.6 to 5.4 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate from 4.9 to 4.7 percent (page 4). The latter once again remained well under the comparable national rate of 7.3 percent. Included in the unemployment estimate were persons receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. Improvement was recorded in eight labor areas and the remaining seven showed increased jobless levels.

OTHER ECONOMIC INDICATORS: Several indicators of the state's economy (page 7) showed improvement on a seasonally adjusted basis, with a significant increase in new automobile registrations and fewer first-time filings for unemployment insurance benefits. Personal income of state residents also increased to an all-time high of $4-billion, $481.3-million.

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The attached report on wages of Connecticut workers for 1983 shows an average annual wage of $18,805, 6.6 percent above the 1982 level, with the largest annual increases, 9.1 percent, in construction and finance, and insurance and real estate. Manufacturing and retail trade were up by 6.4 percent from 1982 and there was a 5 percent gain in agricultural pay.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

February 1985

	February 1985	January 1985(R)	February 1984(R)	% Change Feb.'85 over Jan.'85	% Change Feb.'85 over Feb. '84
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,533,200*	1,535,700	1,474,000*	- 0.2	+ 4.0
Manufacturing.....	425,100*	426,800	411,300*	- 0.4	+ 3.4
Durable.....	319,400*	321,600	308,100*	- 0.7	+ 3.7
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,300	7,500	6,900	- 2.7	+ 5.8
Primary Metals.....	15,700	16,000	16,300	- 1.9	- 3.7
Fabricated Metals.....	52,300*	53,000	52,000	- 1.3	+ 0.6
Machinery exc. Elec.....	52,000	52,100	48,300	- 0.2	+ 7.7
Electrical Equipment....	62,600	62,700	59,600*	- 0.2	+ 5.0
Transportation Equipment	84,400	84,700	81,700*	- 0.4	+ 3.3
Instruments & Clocks....	29,100	29,400	27,700	- 1.0	+ 5.1
Other Durable.....	16,000	16,200	15,600	- 1.2	+ 2.6
Nondurable.....	105,700	105,200	103,200	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Food.....	14,100	14,000	13,300	+ 0.7	+ 6.0
Textile.....	6,500	6,400	7,100	+ 1.6	- 8.4
Apparel.....	10,000	9,900	10,300	+ 1.0	- 2.9
Paper.....	10,200	10,200	9,700	0.0	+ 5.2
Printing & Publishing...	26,800	26,500	25,100	+ 1.1	+ 6.8
Chemicals.....	22,600	22,600	22,000	0.0	+ 2.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	14,000	14,100	14,200	- 0.7	- 1.4
Other Nondurable.....	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,108,100	1,108,900	1,062,700	- 0.1	+ 4.3
Construction & Mining....	57,600	58,900	52,300	- 2.2	+ 10.1
Transportation.....	34,700	34,700	33,300	0.0	+ 4.2
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	13,600	13,500	12,800	+ 0.7	+ 6.3
Other Transportation....	21,100	21,200	20,500	- 0.5	+ 2.9
Communications.....	19,900	20,000	18,700	- 0.5	+ 6.4
Utilities.....	12,900	12,900	12,500	0.0	+ 3.2
Trade.....	329,600	331,900	316,400	- 0.7	+ 4.2
Wholesale.....	75,500	75,600	74,100	- 0.1	+ 1.9
Retail.....	254,100	256,300	242,300	- 0.9	+ 4.9
General Merchandise....	32,800	34,600	31,700	- 5.2	+ 3.5
Food Stores.....	48,000	47,900	44,900	+ 0.2	+ 6.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	28,000	28,200	26,800	- 0.7	+ 4.5
Restaurants.....	73,600	72,700	70,700	+ 1.2	+ 4.1
Other Retail Trade.....	71,700	72,900	68,200	- 1.6	+ 5.1
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	124,700	125,100	119,800	- 0.3	+ 4.1
Banking.....	28,600	28,600	27,500	0.0	+ 4.0
Insurance.....	69,100	69,400	67,300	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Real Estate.....	11,200	11,300	10,600	- 0.9	+ 5.7
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	15,800	15,800	14,400	0.0	+ 9.7
Services.....	339,500	339,100	322,400	+ 0.1	+ 5.3
Hotel.....	8,600	8,500	7,500	+ 1.2	+ 14.7
Personal Services.....	16,700	16,600	16,500	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
Business Services.....	76,600	76,200	68,500	+ 0.5	+ 11.8
Health Services.....	108,900	109,300	106,800	- 0.4	+ 2.0
Law & Professional.....	25,100	25,100	23,500	0.0	+ .6.8
Educational Services....	33,600	33,400	33,100	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
Other Services.....	70,000	70,000	66,500	0.0	+ 5.3
Government.....	189,200	186,300	187,300	+ 1.6	+ 1.0
Federal.....	22,400	22,400	22,000	0.0	+ 1.8
State & Local.....	166,800	163,900	165,300	+ 1.8	+ 0.9

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
**Less than .05 percent.
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EARNINGS AND HOURS - FEBRUARY 1985

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$400.58	$401.53	$387.60	42.3	42.4	42.5	$ 9.47	$ 9.47	$ 9.12
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	413.34	414.73	400.33	42.7	42.8	43.0	9.68	9.69	9.31
Lumber & Furniture.....	298.08	294.69	276.89	41.4	41.1	40.6	7.20	7.17	6.82
Primary Metals.....	443.44	443.00	441.67	44.3	44.3	44.3	10.01	10.00	9.97
Fabricated Metals.....	376.09	371.82	363.38	42.4	42.3	42.5	8.87	8.79	8.55
Machinery.....	441.53	440.66	432.08	43.5	43.5	44.0	10.15	10.13	9.82
Electrical Equipment.....	336.17	336.18	322.76	41.4	41.3	41.7	8.12	8.14	7.74
Transportation Equipment.....	520.80	529.54	489.19	43.4	43.8	43.1	12.00	12.09	11.35
Instruments and Clocks.....	392.47	399.62	387.15	43.9	44.6	44.5	8.94	8.96	8.70
Other Durable Mfg.....	351.44	351.09	374.29	41.2	41.5	44.4	8.53	8.46	8.43
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	357.82	357.88	349.35	40.8	40.9	41.1	8.77	8.75	8.50
Food.....	374.43	370.65	369.36	42.5	42.8	42.7	8.81	8.66	8.65
Textiles.....	285.59	286.63	272.34	39.5	39.7	39.7	7.23	7.22	6.86
Apparel.....	224.72	223.80	213.44	36.9	37.3	36.8	6.09	6.00	5.80
Paper.....	431.64	440.56	441.75	43.6	44.1	46.5	9.90	9.99	9.50
Printing and Publishing.....	357.88	356.32	341.10	38.9	38.9	37.9	9.20	9.16	9.00
Chemicals.....	454.54	449.86	442.12	42.6	42.4	42.8	10.67	10.61	10.33
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	323.89	327.25	317.52	41.9	42.5	42.0	7.73	7.70	7.56
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	305.14	301.93	263.84	38.0	37.6	36.9	8.03	8.03	7.15
CONSTRUCTION.....	571.52	584.83	594.59	37.6	38.4	37.8	15.20	15.23	15.73

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	February 1985		January 1985(R)		February 1984(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	90,800	5.4	93,200	5.6	90,100	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted...		(4.7)		(4.9)		(4.9)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	13,100	6.0	15,100	6.9	13,000	6.2
Bristol.....	2,400	6.9	2,300	6.6	2,400	7.0
Danbury.....	5,000	4.8	4,500	4.4	4,600	4.7
Danielson.....	3,100	10.0	3,300	10.4	2,600	8.7
Hartford.....	20,800	5.2	21,700	5.3	21,000	5.3
Middletown.....	2,200	4.5	2,100	4.2	2,500	5.7
Lower River.....	600	4.1	600	3.8	700	4.3
New Britain.....	4,600	6.5	4,600	6.4	4,500	6.5
New Haven.....	14,200	5.6	14,200	5.7	14,300	5.9
New London/Norwich ..	7,000	5.5	7,100	5.6	6,000	4.9
Norwalk.....	3,400	4.2	3,600	4.4	3,900	4.9
Stamford.....	4,400	3.4	4,000	3.1	4,800	3.8
Torrington.....	3,000	7.4	2,800	6.7	3,400	8.4
Waterbury.....	6,500	6.4	7,000	6.8	6,100	6.2
Willimantic.....	1,200	4.5	1,300	5.4	1,000	3.8
U.S. Total - Actual....	8,902,000	7.8	9,131,000	8.0	9,407,000	8.4
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.3)		(7.4)		(7.8)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Feb.'85	Jan.84	Feb '84
All Items.....	317.4	316.1	306.6
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.4	+ 3.5

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Feb.'85	Jan.'85	Feb.'84(R)	Percent Change to Feb.1985 from: Jan.'85	Feb.'84
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	187,340	187,520	180,640*	- 0.1	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	65,090	64,820	63,440*	- 0.4	+ 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	122,250	122,700	117,200	- 0.4	+ 4.3
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,900	24,020	22,890	- 0.5	+ 4.4
Manufacturing	9,510	9,540	9,060	- 0.3	+ 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	14,390	14,480	13,830	- 0.6	+ 4.0
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	75,250	75,350	71,660	- 0.1	+ 5.0
Manufacturing	27,370	27,220	26,340	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	47,880	48,130	45,320	- 0.5	+ 5.6
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	21,840	21,980	20,940	- 0.6	+ 4.3
Manufacturing	9,550	9,660	9,390	- 1.1	+ 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	12,290	12,320	11,550	- 0.2	+ 6.4
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	424,240	425,160(R)	417,620	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	93,110	93,300	91,610	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	331,130	331,860(R)	326,010	- 0.2	+ 1.6
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	39,170*	39,370(R)	34,240	- 0.5	+ 14.4
Manufacturing	10,300*	10,290	9,790	+ 0.1	+ 5.2
Nonmanufacturing	28,870	29,080(R)	24,450	- 0.7	+ 18.1
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	12,360	12,400(R)	11,890	- 0.3	+ 3.9
Manufacturing	4,540	4,560	4,540	- 0.4	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	7,820	7,840(R)	7,350	- 0.2	+ 6.4
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	60,940*	60,850	59,680	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	24,060*	24,020	23,870	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	36,880	36,830	35,810	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	237,840	237,040(R)	225,570	+ 0.3	+ 5.4
Manufacturing	50,040	50,160	48,130	- 0.2	+ 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	187,800	186,880(R)	177,440	+ 0.5	+ 5.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	113,550	113,690	107,970*	- 0.1	+ 5.2
Manufacturing	36,150	36,290	36,200*	- 0.4	- 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	77,400	77,400	71,770	0.0	+ 7.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	69,360	69,400	66,540	- 0.1	+ 4.2
Manufacturing	22,270	21,970	22,100	+ 1.4	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	47,090	47,430	44,440	- 0.7	+ 6.0
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	117,730	118,290	113,570	- 0.5	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	30,100	30,270	30,130	- 0.6	- 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	87,630	88,020	83,440	- 0.4	+ 5.0